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Dear Paul:

I have known and loved the MBL at Woods Hole for some decades, but my knowing and loving was significantly increased by my visit this week. I just found the people that I met completely sympatico, from Homer to Mort to Ben and finally to the redoubtable Mona. There was no question that Joshua Lederberg had gotten me deeply interested in trying to organize a summer course in parasitology at the MBL, but my discussions with your people really crystallized a most exciting way of doing this; that is, to build it around major modern scientific disciplines such as in vitro cultivation, T and B cell immunology, immunochemistry, biochemistry, electron microscopy and scanning microscopy, membranes, genetics, etc. We would then bring in the suitable parasitic systems working within those disciplines. There seems little doubt that we would be able to get a really exciting mix of scientists in those disciplines and parasitologists and tropical medicine types. I really would like to shoot for the opening gun of a five-year program in the summer of 1980. It seems our major task at the moment is to find an instructor-in-chief and I am already consulting with a variety of people on this issue. Our primary goal is scientific excellence and this should be accomplished by a high degree of energy and organizing ability. I think we ought to have a planning meeting sometime in the second or third week of May 1979 and in the meanwhile I will explore a package financing program involving several foundations and the World Health Organization.

Please forgive me if this letter seems somewhat disjointed as I am leaving for Puerto Rico in 35 minutes.

Best regards and many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

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(Dictated by Dr. Warren and  
signed in his absence.)

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